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For: FLUID DYNAMIC BEARING CONFIGURED  
WITH AN ORBITAL RING FOR HIGHER  
EFFICIENCY

Examiner: L. Footland

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated May 13, 2005 (Paper No. 043005), for which a response was due on August 13, 2005. Filed herewith is a request and fee for a one-month extension of time, thereby extending the date for which a response is due until September 13, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.